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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John Gaylord Holub, formerly of Rockford, who passed away on January 31, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, John Holub was born in Rockford to Arthur J. and Marie K. (nee Donaldson) Holub on May 19, 1941; he graduated from Rockford East High School in 1959 and attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and Rockford College; and

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WHEREAS, John Holub worked for Rockford Blacktop and Holub and Associates, Ltd.; he served as an Alderman on the Rockford City Council; and

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WHEREAS, John Holub served as Director of the Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce, beginning in 1982; he was the first "activist" President of the organization and showed that government and business could accomplish a great deal if they worked together; under his leadership, the organization became nonpartisan and forged alliances between government and business, raising more than \$1 million through the Council of 100 to market the region; he opened an office in the Illinois World Trade Center to sell Rockford to the rest of the world; he helped the region get a U.S. Department of Commerce international trade office to help companies grow through

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1 exports; he reached out to local businesses by going to a
2 different company every Wednesday for over 3 years; he was
3 always open to new ideas and a visionary; he was innovative, a
4 servant leader, a tremendous spokesperson for Rockford, and a
5 very caring person; he also served as Vice-President of the
6 Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; and

7 WHEREAS, John Holub was active at Trinity and Zion Lutheran
8 Churches; and

9 WHEREAS, John Holub is survived by his children, Melissa
10 (Tom) MacDonnell and Andrew (Kristen) Holub; his
11 grandchildren, AJ and Elizabeth Holub and Johnny MacDonnell;
12 and his brother, Joseph (Marcia) Holub; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 John Gaylord Holub, and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of John Holub as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.